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Subject: Predator--Prey Relationships

Dear Chairman Isenberg: I would like to suggest for the BRTF meeting (july) that " Predator --Prey relationships be a major topic of discussion. Experts could help educate the BRTF and the public on the subject. Specifically I would like to see the discussion focus on the Predator --Prey relationships we have in the state waters of California.

Sea Otters vs Invertebrates: Sea Lions vs. Rockfish; and Lingcod vs. Rockfish:etc. could be the focus groups of Predator- Prey Discussions. Included in this could be a "Species likely (or not likely) to benefit from marine reserves discussion. This kind of discussion I hope will give the BRTF and the public a better understanding that could help in the evaluation of "Alternative sites for MPA's" . I would like to suggest one expert that has extensive knowledge on this subject. His name is Steve Rebuck his email is ABSforMan@aol.com. Also for the BRTF meeting in September I would like to suggest a expert panel on review of existing marine reserves in the Central Coast Project Area and current and past fisheries research in the Central Coast Project Area. I will submit a partial list of experts including scientists, divers, etc in a later email. Thank You: Bill James